

REMARKS

A. Status of the Claims

Claims 34-37, 39, and 40 were pending at the time of the office action. Claims 36 and 37 are canceled herein. Claim 39 has been amended to depend from claim 34. No new matter has been added. Claims 34, 35, 39 and 40 are in condition for allowance.

B. Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 101

The Action rejects claim 36 and 37 under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as claiming the same invention as that of claims 2 and 3, respectively, of prior U.S. patent No. 6,692,744.

In light of the currently pending claims this rejection is moot because claims 36 and 37 have been canceled.

C. Conclusions

Applicants believe that in view of the forgoing amendments the instant application is in condition for allowance and such favorable action is respectfully requested. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at (512) 536-3167 with any questions, comments or suggestions relating to the referenced patent application.

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